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PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS**, age 36, pled guilty in United States District Court in Albany before Senior District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn to Count 1 of an Indictment charging him with the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien.

In connection with his plea, **FUENTES-ARIAS** admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceedings:

On July 5, 2010 **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS** was encountered in the United States, near Rouses Point, New York, by a United States Border Patrol Agent. At the time of the encounter, **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS** was in a box car of a freight train. **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS** is an alien, a citizen and national of Honduras. He is not a citizen or national of the United States. **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS** was physically removed from the United States to Honduras on April 3, 2008. Sometime after the April 3, 2008 removal of **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS**, he knowingly and intentionally entered the United States. **JUAN CARLOS FUENTES-ARIAS** did not receive the express permission of the United States Attorney General or his successor, the Secretary of Homeland Security, to return to the United States following the April 3, 2008 removal.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge Kahn for January 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York. **FUENTES-ARIAS** faces a maximum penalty of 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.00. **FUENTES-ARIAS** was detained pending his sentencing.

This case was investigated by the United States Border Patrol.

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